

## **Legal Notice**

### **Opportunity to Object the Tennessee Creek Project**

San Isabel National Forest, Leadville Ranger District and the White River National Forest, Holy Cross Ranger District, have prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and draft decision notice for the Tennessee Creek Project. The project is located north, west, northwest, and northeast of Leadville, CO. The draft decision proposes to implement Alternative 1, the Proposed Action. The following activities would occur on up to 16,450 acres over the next ten years: clear cut lodgepole pine on 2,370 acres; thin 7,110 acres of lodgepole pine; utilize prescribed fire on 6,040 acres; improve aspen stands through prescribed fire and/or harvesting; remove encroaching conifers in meadows and sagebrush and use prescribed fire in meadows; remove spruce infested with or killed by insects; conduct vegetation management within the Ski Cooper Ski Area permit boundary; improve aquatic organism passage; improve aquatic organism habitat in Halfmoon Creek; improve wildlife habitat; and improve erosion and compaction in campgrounds and picnic areas.

The EA and draft decision notice are available on-line at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=30294>. These documents are also available for review at Leadville Ranger District Office located at 810 Front Street, Leadville, CO 80461. Business hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Tennessee Creek Project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

### **How to file an Objection and Timeframe**

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with §218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, express delivery, or messenger service to: Objections Processing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401; E-mail to: [appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-rocky-mountain-regional-office@fs.fed.us); Faxed to: 303-275-5075 or by hand-delivery (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays at USDA Forest Service, 740 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401).

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Leadville Herald Democrat. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

If no objections are filed, the decision notice may be signed 5 business days after the close of the Objection Period. If objections are filed, the resolution process will begin immediately after the Objection Period and will continue for 45 days. The decision notice may be signed after the resolution process is complete and the Reviewing Officer's response is received. Implementation may begin immediately after the Decision Notice is signed.

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